INCLUSIVE CITIES

An Open Ideas Competition

Urban Design Collective (UDC) is conducting an open ideas competition for students of architecture as part of the Chennai edition of the ‘People Building Better Cities’ traveling exhibition. The theme for the competition is ‘Inclusive Cities’.

THE CHALLENGE OF INCLUSIVITY

As we move towards an increasingly urban future with over 50% of the world’s population slated to be living in cities by 2030, it is high time we questioned the inclusivity of our cities. It is a known fact that our populace is distinguished by differences in gender, language, religion, economic status, customs and the likes. In view of this, how well do our cities accommodate all these diverse groups of people that form the strata of our society? How could our cities better accommodate women, children, senior citizens, the physically challenged, the migrant worker and various other marginalized groups that lend their personalities towards defining the collective character of our cities?

Students are required to send in their ideas on what could make our cities more inclusive and can choose to address any one or more of the following aspects in their proposals-

• Urban Realm- Public Spaces/Streets
• Built Environment- Affordable Housing/ Temporary shelters/ Quality architecture & construction
• Urban Mobility- Public transport options and their ease of accessibility
• Utilities and Infrastructure- Water supply/ Drainage/ Rainwater harvesting/ Power supply and distribution/ Telecommunications
• Environmental quality and protection of natural resources- Forests/ Water bodies/ Ecosystems
• Waste Management- Collection, processing and recycling of waste
• Governance- Models for governance
• Employment- Creation/ facilitation of employment opportunities
• Farming and Food Security- Preserving agricultural land/ Models to protect farming as a lucrative profession/ Tackling food storage and distribution
• Community wellbeing- Sustainable communities/ Protection of heritage and cultural values
• Education and capacity building

SUBMISSION FORMAT

Entries to be submitted on a single A3 size sheet ONLY. Content is restricted to one side of the A3 sheet. Students may represent their ideas in the form of Writing / Collages/ Models/ 3d visualizations/ Paintings/ Sketches. Projections from the sheet are permitted.

Any form of identification i.e. names, college names etc. are not permitted on the entry itself. Students are requested to write the following details out clearly on a separate A4 sheet of paper and submit it along with the entry:
Name:
Batch/ year:
College name:
Email id:
Phone number:

Entries not conforming to these requirements will be disqualified.

SELECTION OF WINNERS

All entries will be put up for display as part of the ‘People Building Better Cities’ travelling exhibition being held in the School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai. The entries will be on display for the entire duration of the exhibition i.e. from 8th October to 22nd October, 2013.

Winning entries will be decided solely based on votes from visitors to the exhibition. Prizes will be distributed during the valedictory event on 22nd October, 2013.

SUBMISSION DATE:
7TH OCTOBER, 2013

Entries can be dropped off in person on or before the submission date at the School of Architecture and Planning, Chennai. They can also be posted/ couriered to- ‘People Building Better Cities Exhibition’, School of Architecture and Planning, Anna University, Chennai- 600025

For any queries, write to info@urbandesigncollective.org with the subject line- ‘Queries- Inclusive Cities Ideas Competition’